

REMARKS

Claims 8-14, 16, 19-65 are pending. Claims 64 and 65 have been newly added in this Supplemental Amendment. All other amendments to the claims and newly added claims 21-63 were set forth in the previously filed Amendment dated February 2, 2007, and are not further addressed here in order to avoid any confusion. The Examiner's attention is directed to the previously submitted Amendment for all comments pertaining thereto.

Support for newly added claims 64 and 65, in particular regarding the phrase "so as to circulate the sample freely without guidance by an internal structure within the vessel" found in the first section after the preamble derives implicit support from the figures, in particular Fig. 1, which shows free flow movement and no guiding physical structure within the tube, thus displaying true convective flow. Accordingly, it is believed that no new matter has been inserted into the application.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that no further fee is due to consider the present amendment. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. **502486**.

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